

# California Harmful Algae Risk Mapping (C-HARM) System:

## Connecting stakeholders to ecosystem change and developing next-generation harmful algal bloom models

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California Sea Lion  
Mortality



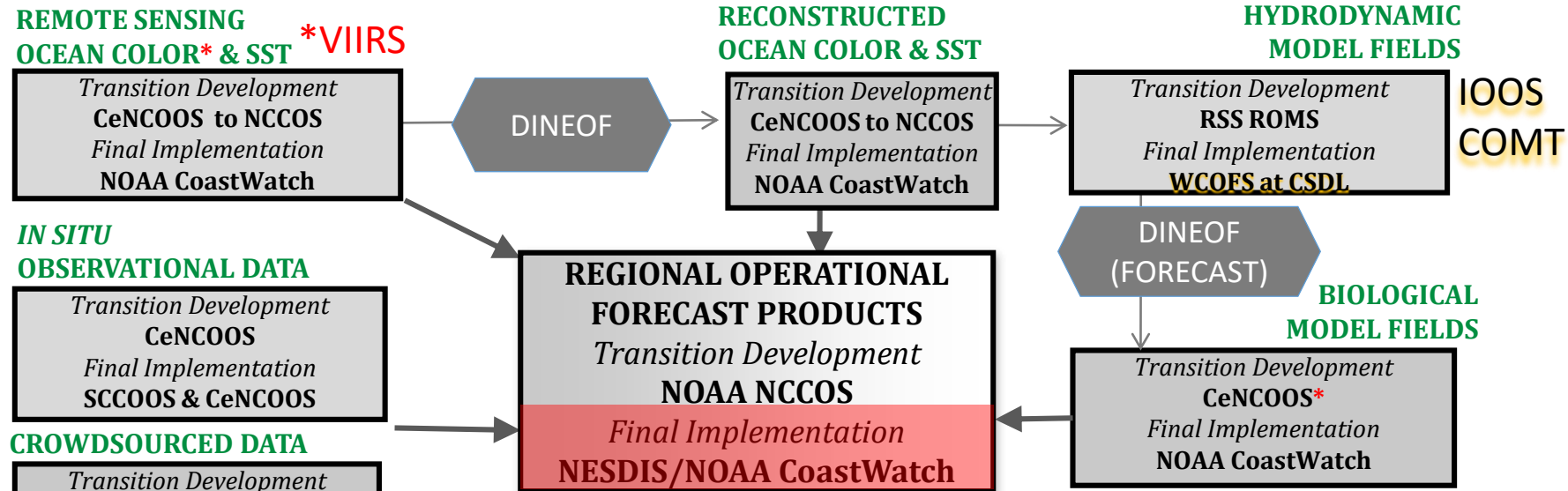
Toxigenic *Pseudo-nitzschia*



California Sea Lion  
Domoic Acid Toxicosis



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**NCCOS** = National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science  
**CSDL** = Coast Survey Development Lab  
**RSS** = Remote Sensing Solutions, Inc.  
**WCOFS** = West Coast Ocean Forecast System

\*S4 HPC @ Univ of WI

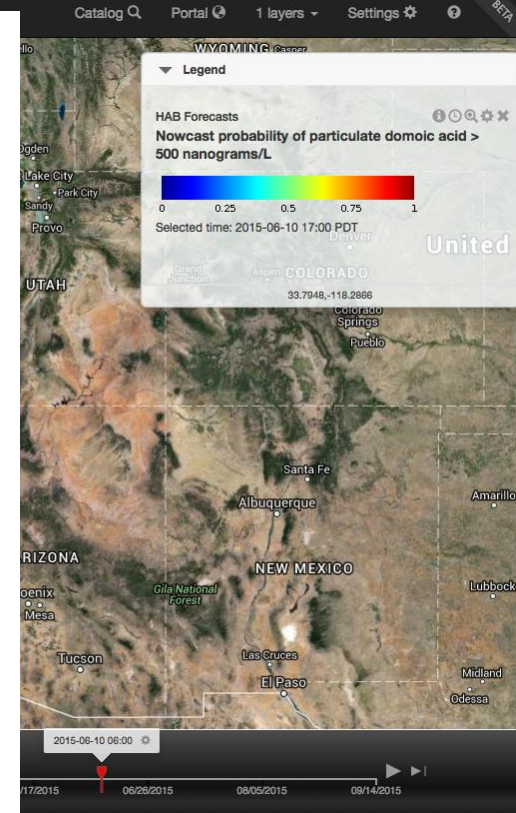
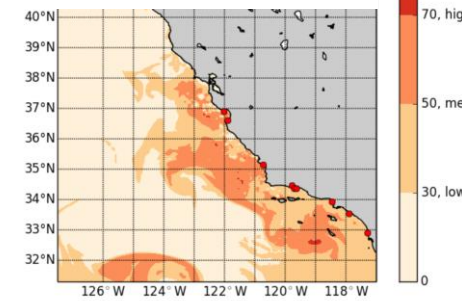
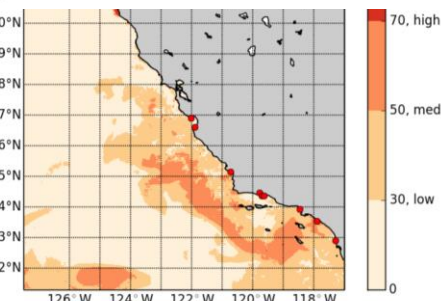
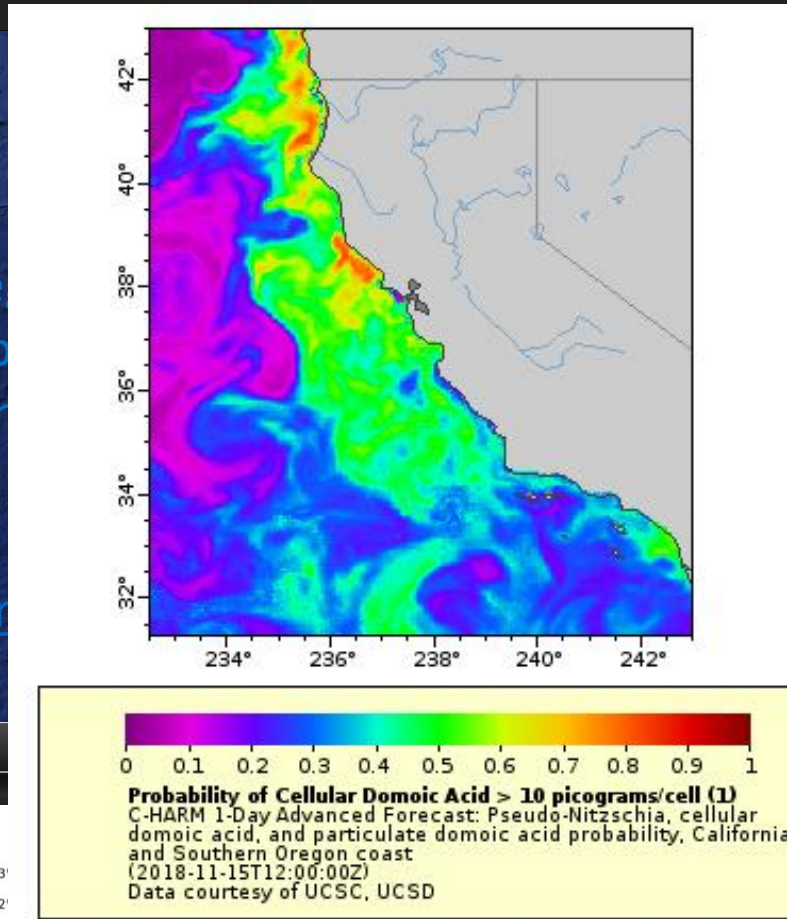
**“Operational” Centers**  
**NOAA Coast Watch, West Coast Node**  
**SCCOOS** = Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System  
**CeNCOOS** = Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System





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Anderson et al., *Harmful Algae* (2009), *GRL* (2011), *Harmful Algae* (2016)



Stakeholder engagement is done via web surveys and continual outreach to super end-users

Extensive collaboration with a partners on creation of a monthly **CA HAB Bulletin** distributed via listserv and SCCOOS & HABMAP

## LAST SLIDE FROM LAST YEAR'S PRESENTATION

### FUTURE WORK

*Good-bye NASA, hello NOAA*

- Create an **empirical model that predicts higher-trophic level toxicity** from coastal C-HARM predictions of domoic acid  
*\*proposal to California Ocean Protection Council/Sea Grant*
- **Create end-to-end models of HAB risk and bioaccumulation in the food web in an ESM framework**  
*\*new funding from NOAA ECOHAB & former seed funding from the Packard Foundation:*

Huge thanks to Woody Turner for this opportunity!



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# IOOS Coastal Ocean Modeling Testbed (COMT) Project

Advancing the West Coast Ocean Forecasting System  
through Assessment, Model Development, and  
Ecological Products

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Transition PI: Clarissa Anderson, SCCOOS

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Michael Jacox, SWFSC

Jerome Fiechter, UCSC

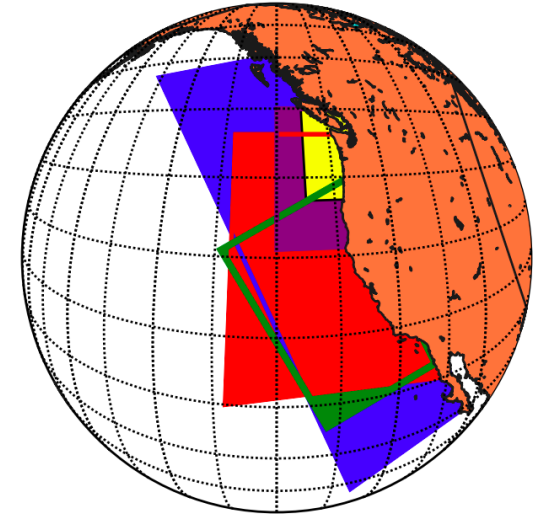
Raphe Kudela, UCSC

Dale Robinson, CoastWatch-West Coast

Henry Ruhl, CeNCOOS

Jan Newton, NANOOS

*Evaluate C-HARM, EcoCast, & NEMURO with WCOFS*



**NOAA Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Coastal Ocean Modeling Testbed:** ROMS domains on the west coast: **WCOFS**, **UCSC**, **CA**, **OSU**, **LiveOcean (UW)**. Despite considerable domain overlap, important differences exist between models in terms of resolution, forcing, biogeochemistry and data assimilation



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C-HARM *Classic* and C-HARM-WCOFS both served on ERDDAP for evaluation

 **ERDDAP: ERD Projects**  
Easier access to scientific data

(A) pDA C-HARM Classic, 31 Oct 2015

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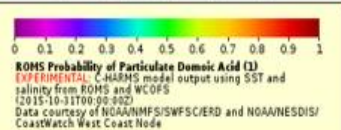
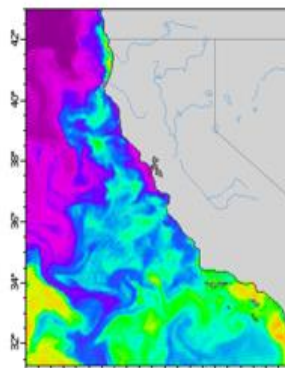
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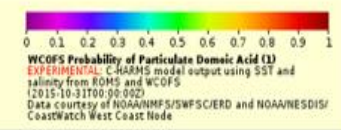
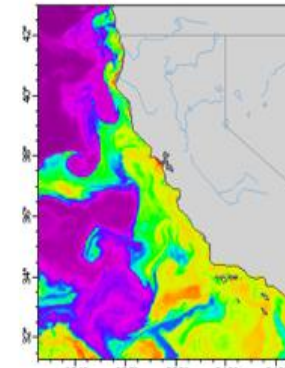
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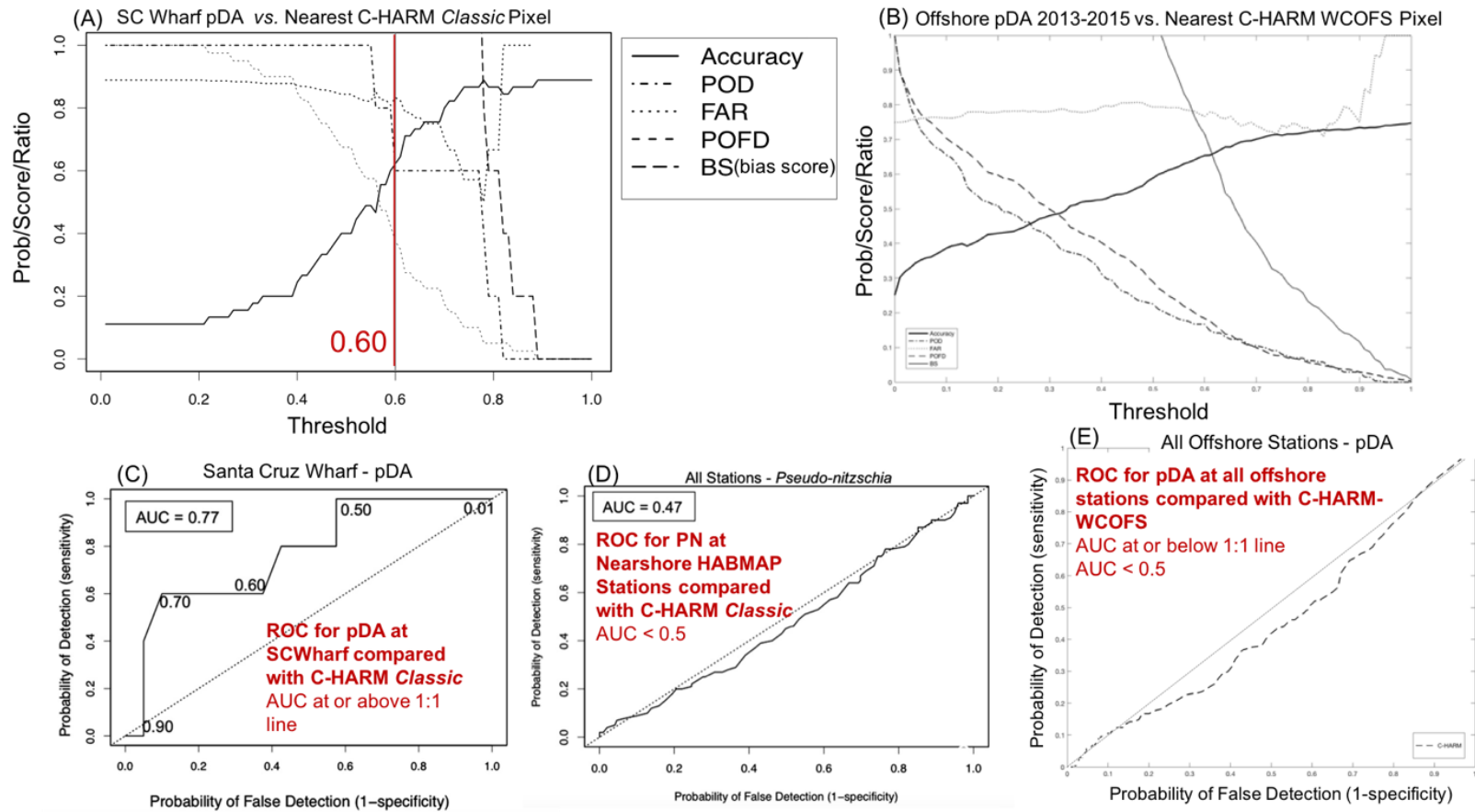
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## Preliminary Comparison of nearshore data with C-HARM *Classic* and C-HARM-WCOFS



*C-HARM Classic is compared with nearshore HAB monitoring data and with offshore samples collected on 2013 and 2015 cruises and compiled for this study.*

**Take-home:** When C-HARM-WCOFS is compared with offshore HAB data, the ROC is similar to that when C-HARM *Classic* is compared with nearshore HAB data from a broad geographic range, and is less "accurate" than when C-HARM *Classic* was compared with offshore HAB data.

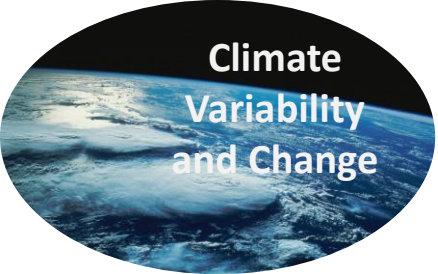


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Variability  
and Change



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Fisheries and  
Water Quality

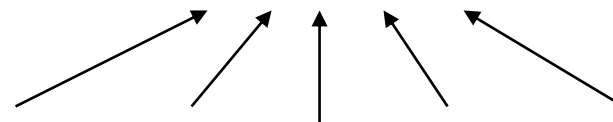


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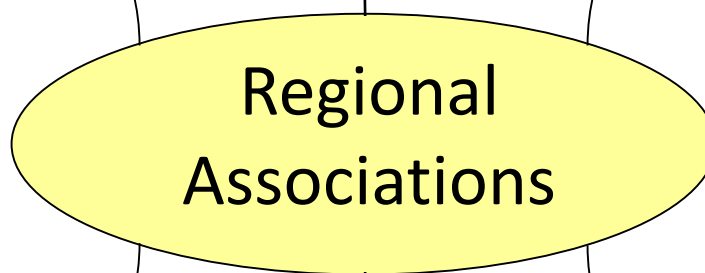


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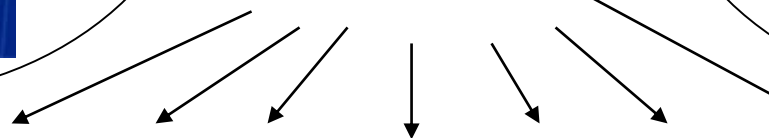
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engage



## DIVERSE LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

*Observations*

*Data Management*

*Forecasts/Modeling*

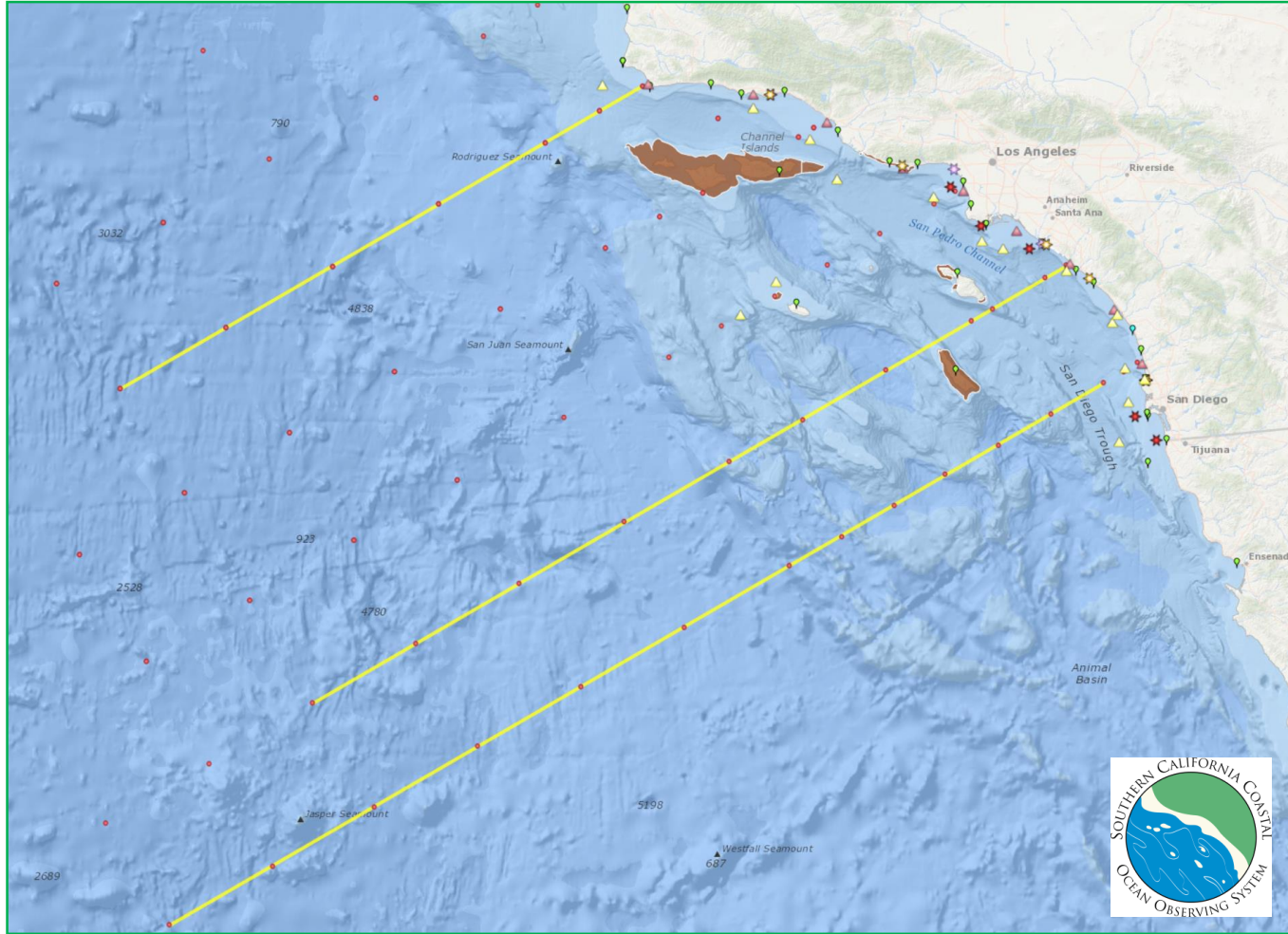
*User Products*

*Outreach and Education*

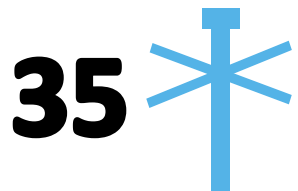
*Leverage and Link*



# Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)



SCCOOS is a science-based decision support system. We provide scientific data and information necessary to address coastal issues.



HF Radars

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Coastal  
Stations



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Ship-Based Stations



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Moorings





# Technologies

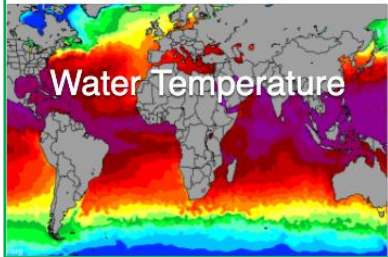
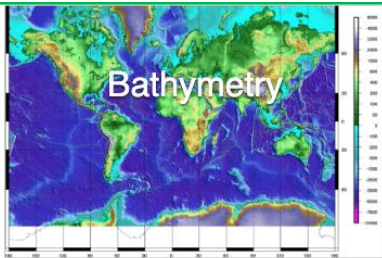




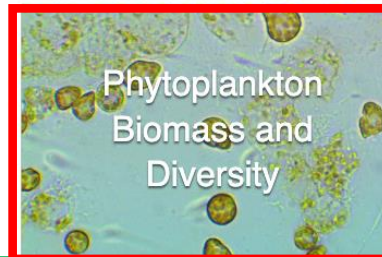
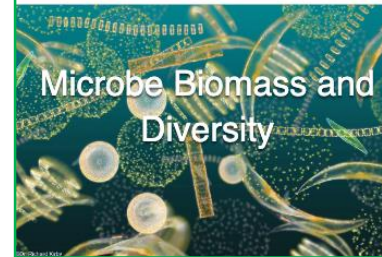
# Observations – Essential Ocean Variables (GOOS)



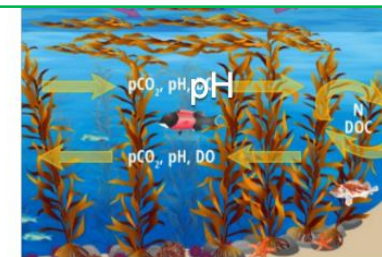
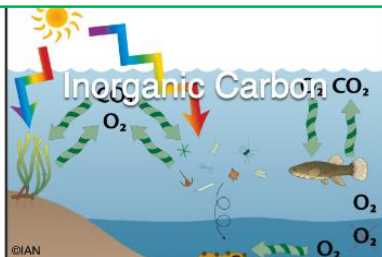
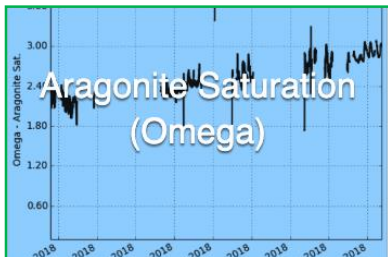
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## Biology and Ecosystems

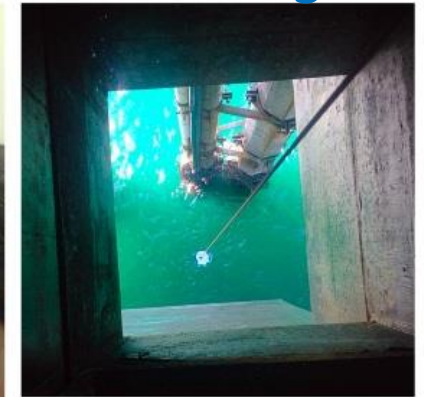
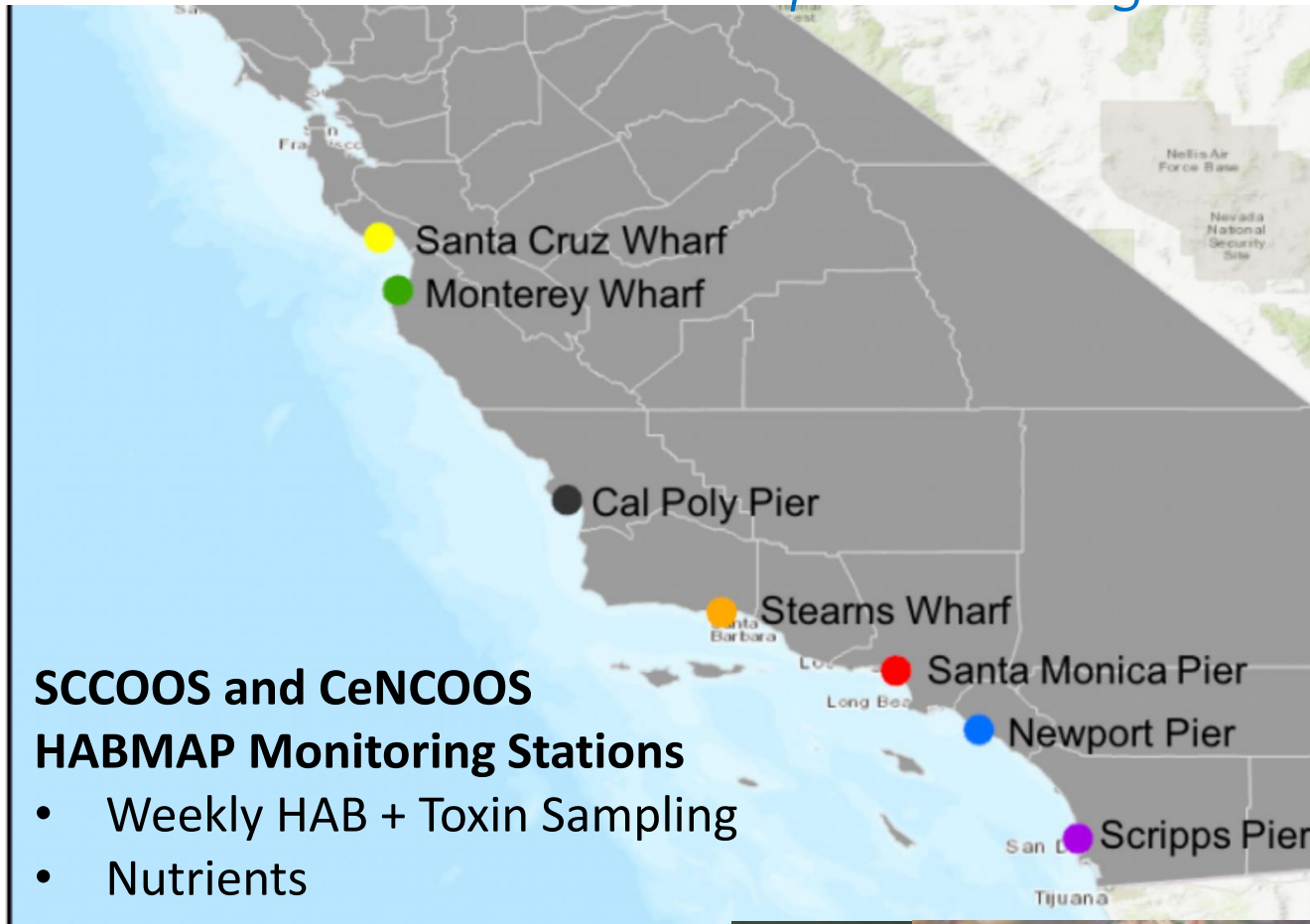


## Biogeochemistry





# Water Quality: Harmful Algal Blooms – SCCOOS & CeNCOOS monitor shore stations from San Diego to Santa Cruz for toxins from phytoplankton and measures environmental conditions at piers through our Automated Shore Station Program

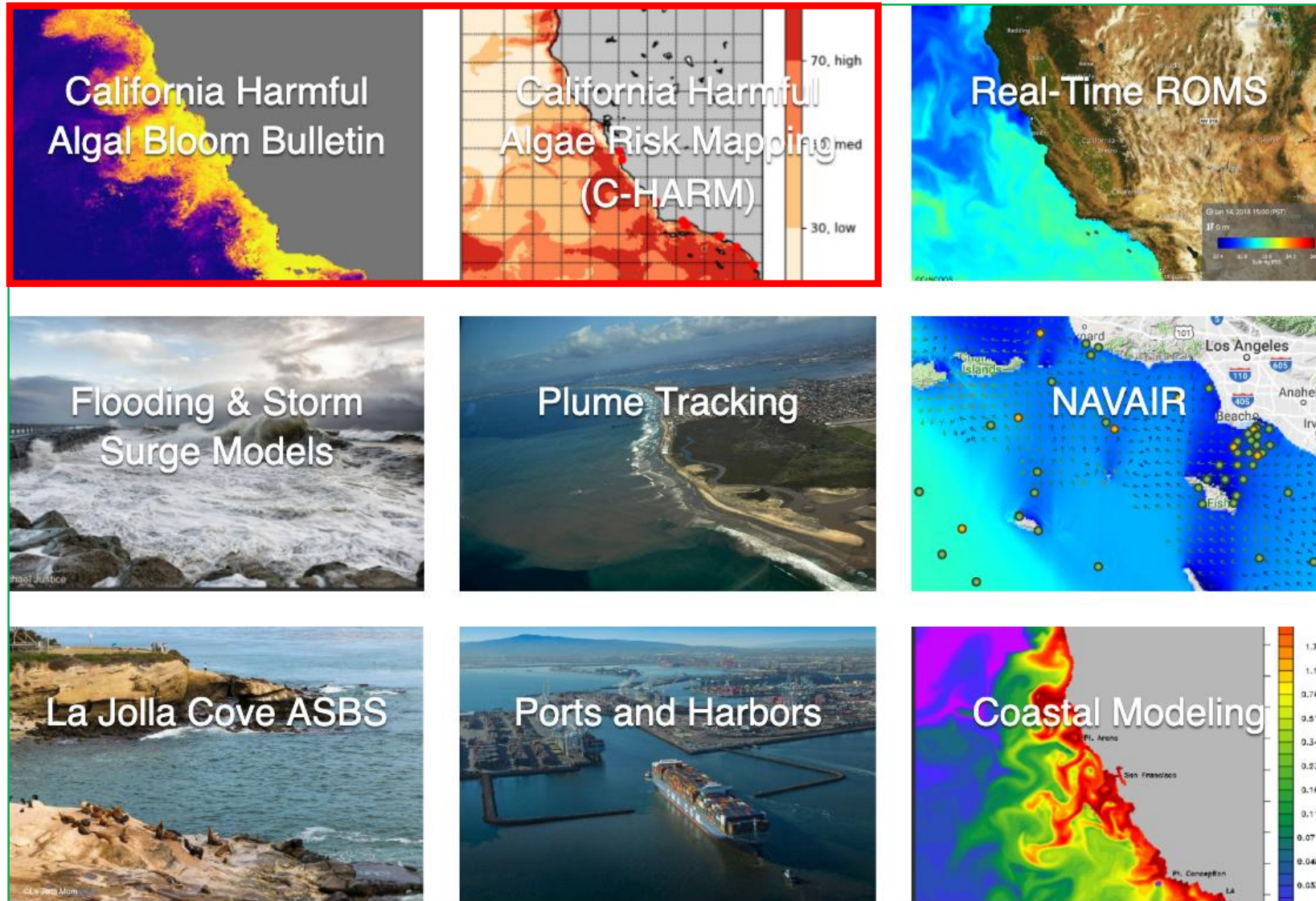


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# Products and Tools



<http://sccoos.org/products-and-tools/>

# California HAB Bulletin



## What is the CA HAB Bulletin?

The purpose of this *experimental* product is to give the public and resource managers a quick outlook of recent toxic (marine) algal blooms in coastal California from models and aggregate data sets. **Monthly reports synthesize model output, near real-time observations, animal strandings, and public health alerts** to provide a more complete picture of the regional variability in harmful algal blooms for stakeholders.

## Contributors and Stakeholders

- Aquaculture facilities
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
- NOAA Fisheries – Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC)
- Marine mammal rescue groups
- NOAA NCCOS – national HAB end-users
- Academia

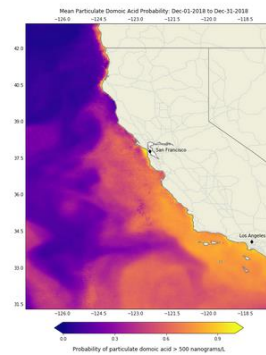
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Overview Data Products News Documents Projects

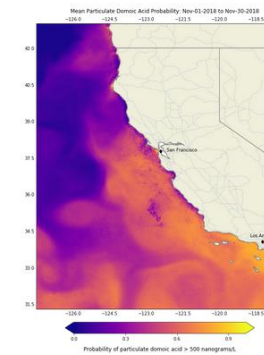
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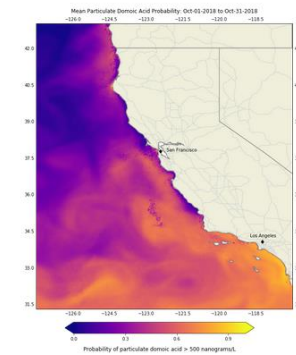
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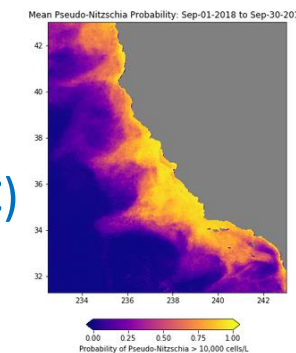
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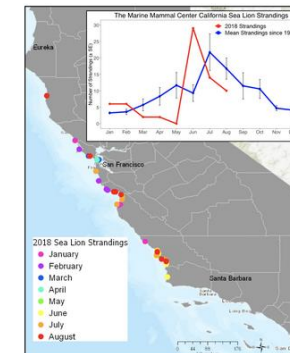
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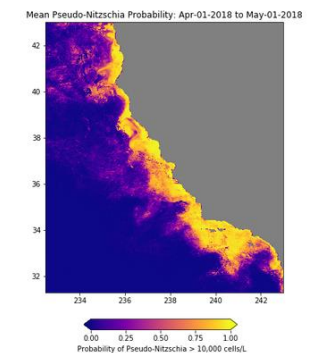
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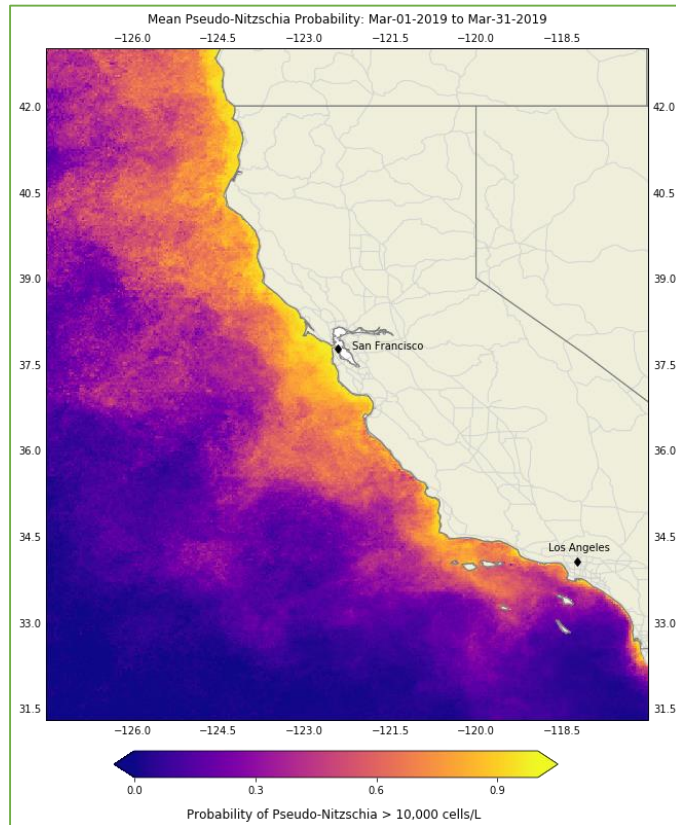
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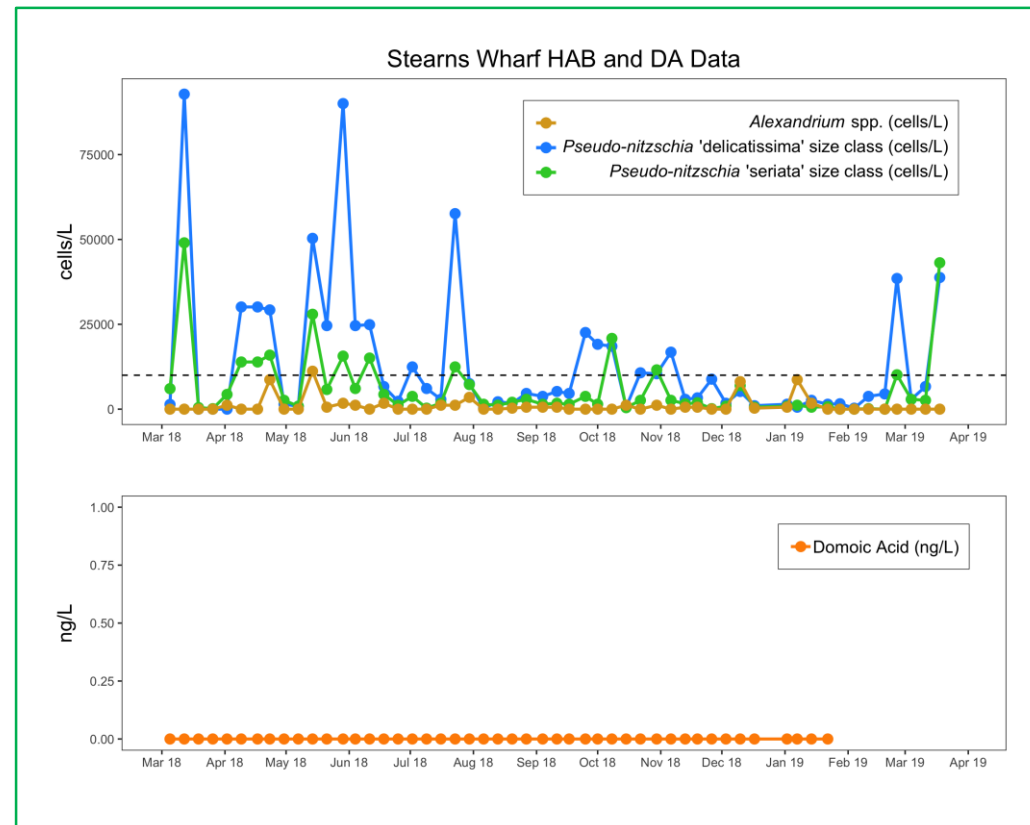


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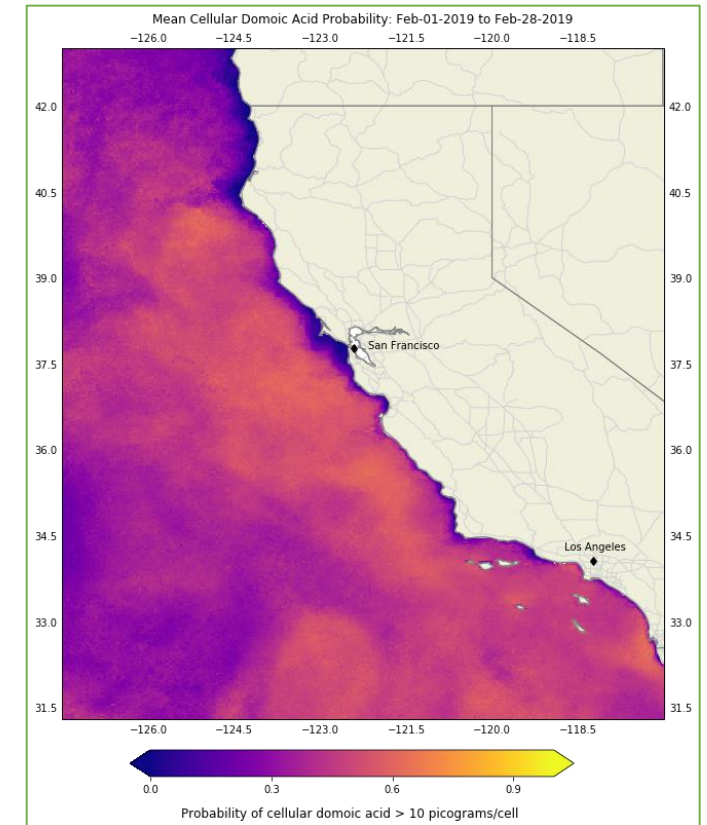
## C-HARM Pseudo-nitzschia, March 2019



## HAB Monitoring Alert Program (HABMAP)



## C-HARM Particulate DA, Feb 2019



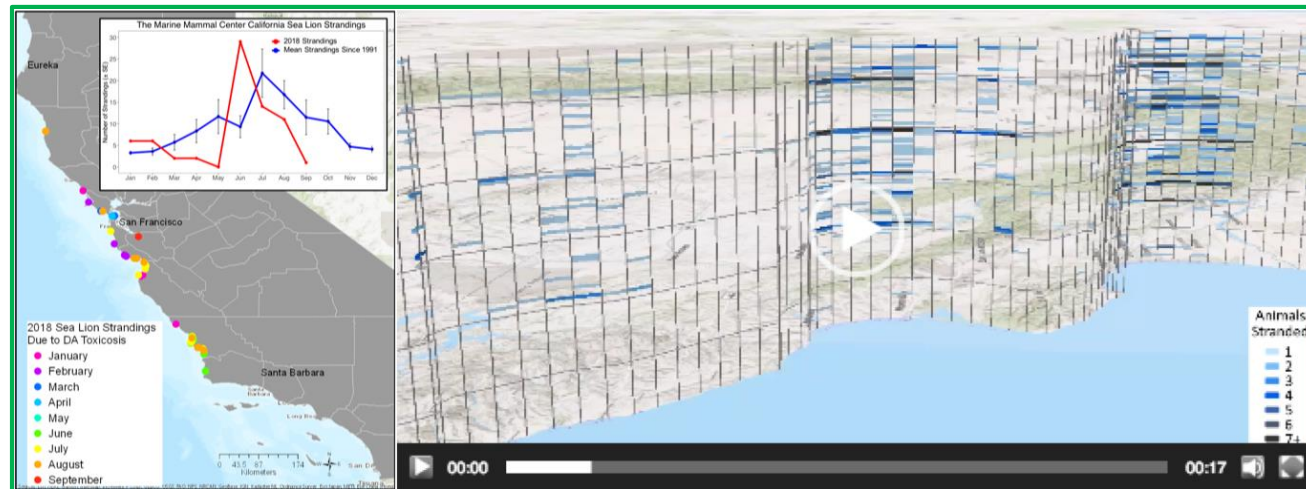
HABMAP monitoring at 7-9 stations for HAB species and domoic acid



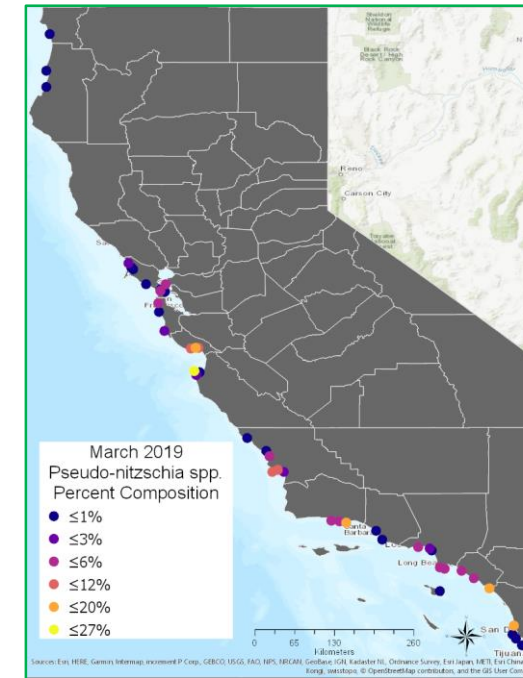
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## The Marine Mammal Center (TMMC) – Sea lion strandings due to domoic acid toxicosis



## CA Department of Public Health (CDPH)



## Stranding Rescue Centers



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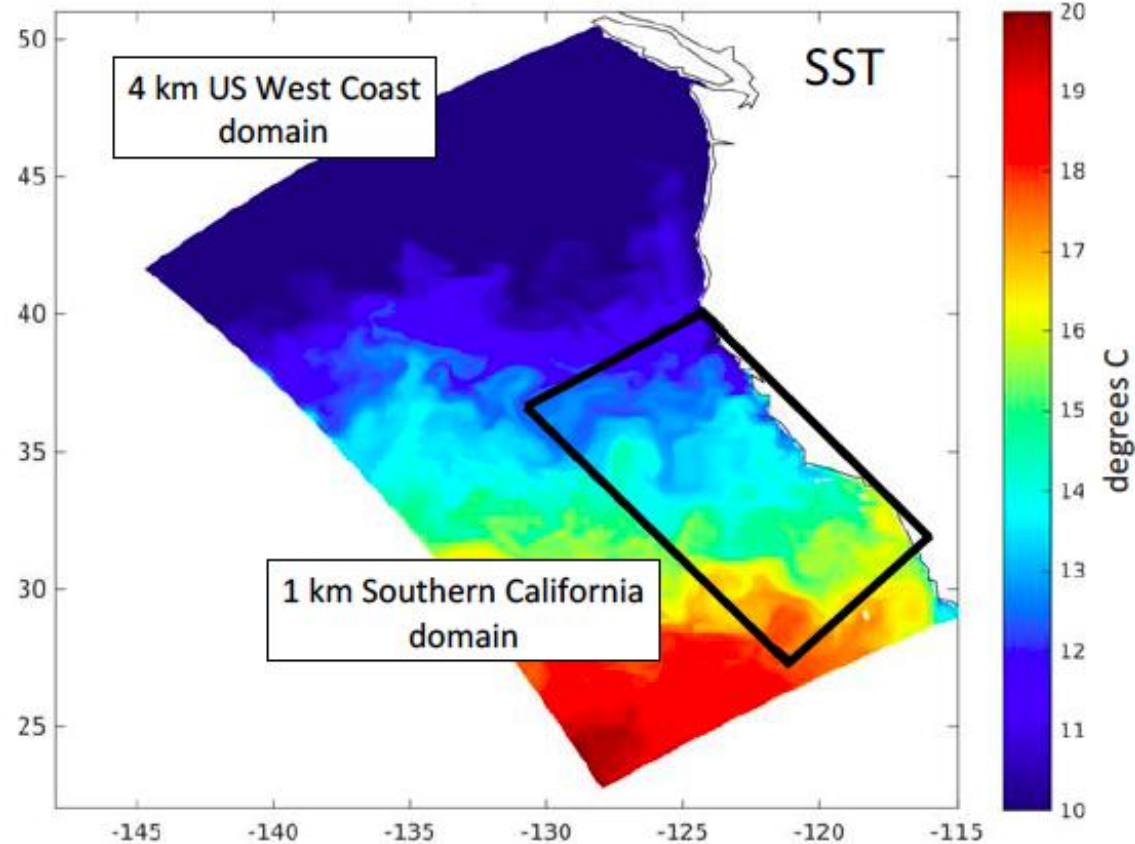
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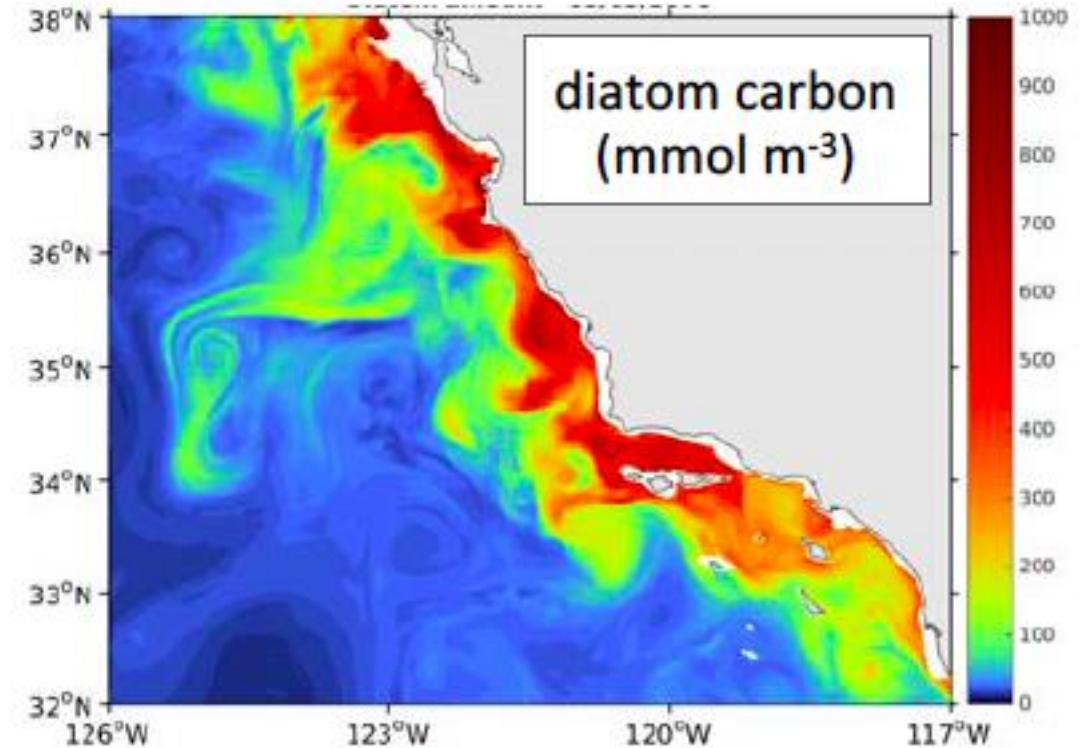
# High(ish)-Resolution (Nested) Coupled Models

*-regional downscaling of the physics + moderate biological complexity in the ecosystem model*

REGIONAL OCEAN MODEL SYSTEM (ROMS) ROMS coupled to the Biogeochemical Elemental Cycling (BEC) model



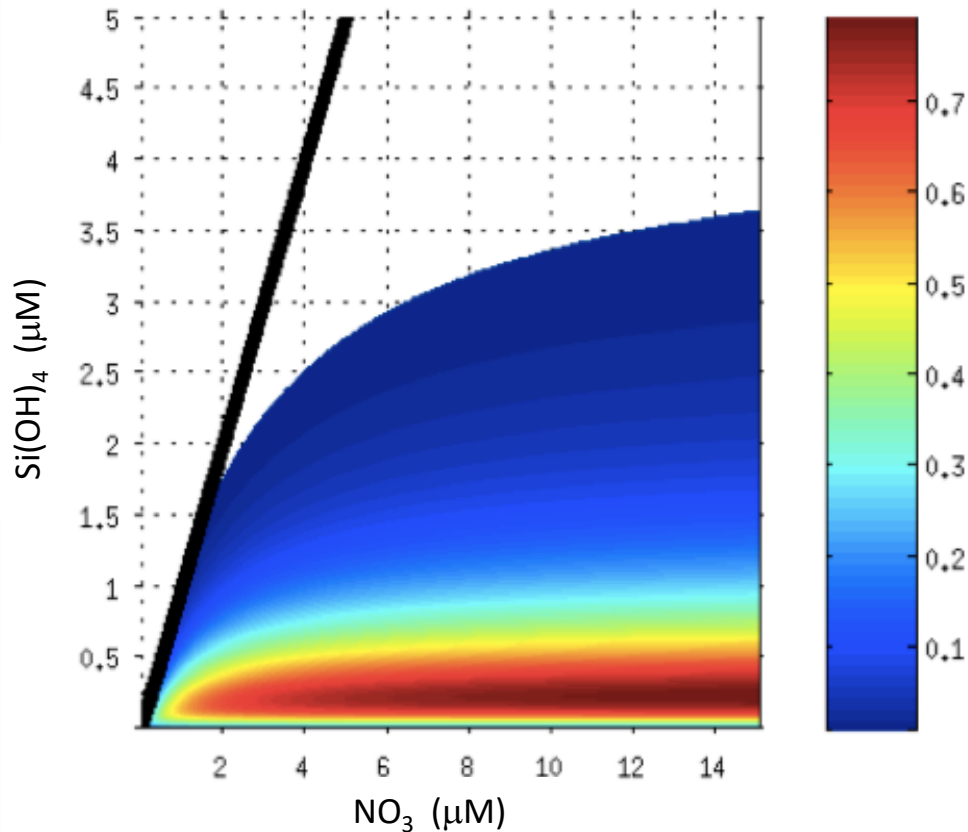
uses nested grids to move across scales  
(e.g. Shchepetkin and McWilliams, 2003)  
-atmospheric boundary conditions from WRF



McWilliams-Gruber-Deutsch-Bianchi  
**2-km configuration (1978-2013)**  
(does not resolve rivers or point-source discharge)



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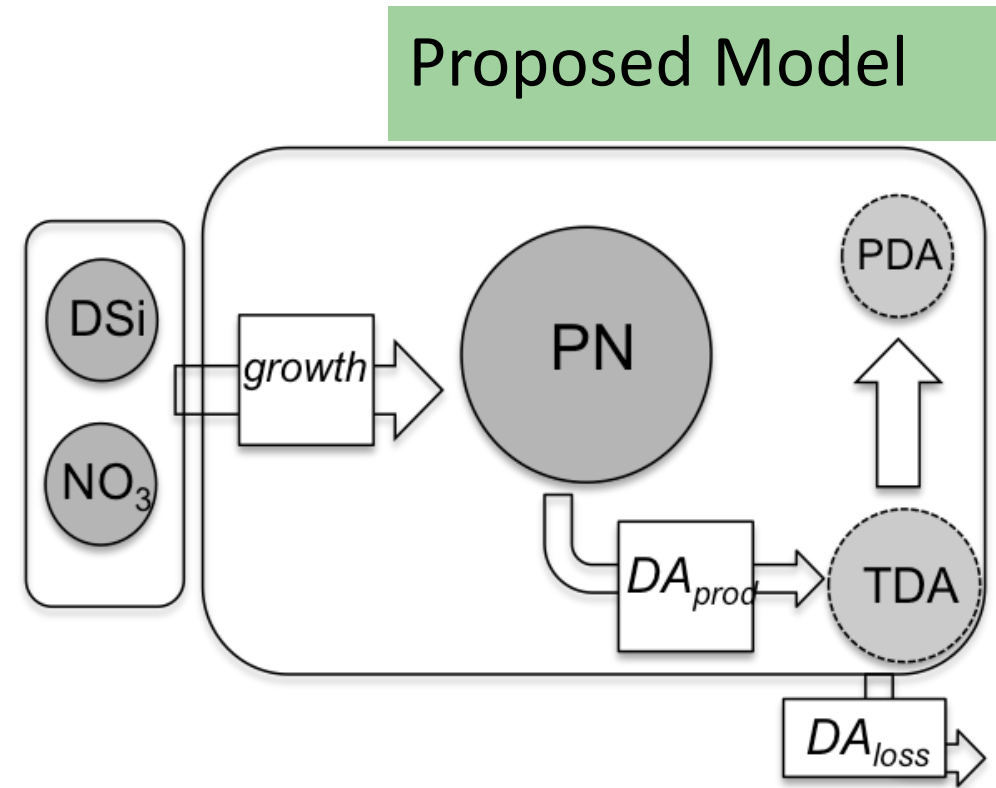


DA Production =  $\alpha \mu P$

**\*New NOAA ECOHAB**  
funding to  
develop &  
evaluate  
3D-coupled  
ROMS-BEC model  
with embedded  
HAB module  
(PIs: Bianchi,  
McWilliams,  
Anderson, Kudela,  
Sutula)

This can be tested with an adjustment to  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha = \beta [1 - \min((\text{SiLim}/\text{NO}_3\text{Lim}), 1)]^\gamma$$



- Silicic Acid and Nitrate are the fundamental limiting factors driving toxin production in this mechanistic model.

# Thanks to NASA ASP for this opportunity



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